

A. PAYEES ON BENEFIT ISSUANCES

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WAC 388-460-0001 Who may be issued cash, child care, medical and food assistance benefits?

- (1) Cash and child care assistance may be issued in the name of the following persons:
 - (a) A client who is the recipient of the benefits;
 - (b) An ineligible parent or other relative getting benefits on behalf of an eligible child;
 - (c) A person, facility, organization, institution or agency acting as a protective payee or representative payee for a client;
 - (d) A guardian or agent acting on behalf of a client; or
 - (e) A vendor of goods or services supplied to an eligible client.
- (2) When medical coverage accompanies cash assistance, the medical identification (MAID) card for the assistance unit members is issued in the name of the person listed as payee for the cash benefit.
- (3) For other medical assistance units, the MAID card is issued to the person named as the head of the assistance unit.
- (4) Food assistance benefits are issued to the person named as the head of the food assistance unit.

CLARIFYING INFORMATION

1. See Payees on Benefit Issuances – C. – Protective Payees for information about when and how a protective payee is established.
2. Vendor payments are most often done for cash benefits issued under the Additional Requirements programs. See **EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE: ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS (AREN) AND ONGOING ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS**

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WORKER RESPONSIBILITIES

1. Refer to Payees on Benefit Issuances – C. – Protective Payees for further instructions when there is evidence of the following:
 - a. A repeated failure of the client to meet obligations for rent, food and other essentials on behalf of themselves or a child in their care;
 - b. Repeated requests of the client for additional help because of an eviction or shut-off notice;
 - c. The client is not properly caring for a child in their care;
 - d. The client is misusing alcohol or drugs;
 - e. The client demonstrates an apparent inability to handle daily affairs.
2. Do not establish a protective payee when the cause of unpaid obligations is simply insufficient funds or a temporary lack of funds due to an emergency.